



# ARLINGTON AIRPORT NEWSLETTER – 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2011

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## Airport Open House and Holiday Party

Please join us for our annual open house at the airport office on Friday, December 16th from 11:30am-2pm. Refreshments and treats will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!



Previous Runway 16/34 Grass

The new 16/34 grass runway is now open. The runway is located west of 16/34 in between Bravo 2 and Bravo 3. The runway is 1500' X 75'. The existing 16/34 grass runway was required to be eliminated by the FAA in order for glider operations to continue at the airport. This left the airport with 2 choices: relocate the grass runway or not have a grass runway for 16/34 at all. Staff opted to relocate the 16/34 grass runway to the only feasible location available. The old grass runway is closed and "X"ed off due to confusion in the traffic pattern when pilots were calling out the grass runway over frequency.

The main complaint with the new grass runway is landing aircrafts' tendency to turn to the east onto the paved runway. Airport staff held a meeting with its tenant committee to address the issues with the new grass runway. One recommendation of the committee was to implement procedures for the grass runway to reduce hazards. **When using the grass runway please exit to the west and clear the hold short lines.**

**Use caution for helicopter traffic on taxiway bravo.** To inform users of the grass runway relocation and procedures on it, staff will be implementing signage on the grass runway and at A1 and A2 run up areas.



New 16/34 Grass

## Pilots Needed

Airport Appreciation Day is scheduled for the beginning of May. Staff is working on adding additional activities for the 2012 Airport Appreciation Day. Last year there was a large turnout for EAA Young Eagle flights. If you or any pilot you know would be interested in participating in exposing kids to the fantastic world of aviation please contact the airport at 360-403-3471.

## WPA

Did you know AWO has a Washington Pilots Association Chapter? They meet the first Tuesday of the month at Restaurant NASA at 6pm. The WPA has been able to secure fuel discounts to members who purchase fuel at AWO. Each month the chapter hosts a discussion of beneficial topics pertaining to pilots.



**Project Update:**

**East Ramp Security Lighting:** The project involves the installation of 10 light poles along the Airport's east ramp. The contractor for the project, Smokey Point Electric, has installed conduit in the airport office and has begun installing the bases for the light poles.

**Sewer Line Extension:** This project will connect the Navy Hangar and Parachute Loft to city sewer. The project is currently underway. LX Construction is performing the work on the project. For two days expect a detour around the southeast hangar entrance on 59th drive as a portion of the sewer line extension travels under the road. The detour will be through the former Bayliner parking lot. Detour signs will be posted.

**Pavement Damage:** Portions of the pavement on taxiway Charlie and the run up area for runway 11 were recently replaced. The pavement was damaged last year when a jet was performing engine break-in procedures.



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**Cycle Cross**

On Sunday, December 4th the state championship for Cycle Cross was held on airport property for the first time. Over 400 racers competed in the event. The event was an overwhelming success with a large amount of compliments paid to the airport from participants and event organizers.

**Welcome**

Restaurant NASA has gone through a few changes the last couple of months to include their new Chef, Tony Dalman. They have updated their menu to include several new lunch items and daily specials with home made soups. Stop by and say "Hi" to Tony and the new staff.

**Master Plan Update**

The master plan is in its final stages of completion. A few more steps and it will be complete and ready to go to public hearing. The master plan will go before both the airport commission and city council for approval. The hope is the master plan will be complete by February 2012.